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In re the Application of: **Masatoshi KIMURA**

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For: **GATEWAY CARD, GATEWAY DEVICE, GATEWAY CONTROL METHOD, AND COMPUTER PRODUCT**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: September 9, 2003

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Since the clients 300₁ to 300₃ are installed inside the home they will be termed as internal apparatuses and, since the servers 100₁ to 100_n are installed outside the home they will be termed as external apparatuses. Thus, the ~~external~~ internal apparatuses can make access to the external apparatuses via the gateway personal computer 500 or even to the gateway personal computer 500.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 25 and bridging to page 9, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

The power-saving operation mode is classified into a standby mode and a suspension mode. In the standby mode, a memory 524 in the personal computer 520 stores the work data and, therefore, it is necessary to keep supplying power to this memory 524. On the other hand, in the suspension mode, the common HDD 540 stores the work data, and power supply to this common HDD 540 is set off. Thus, in the ~~standby~~ suspension mode there is no need to supply power to the personal computer 520. As a result, power consumption in the suspension mode is much smaller than that in the standby mode.